

Setting conditions for adding territory to a public improvement district

HB 2924 by Geren (Brimer)

DIGEST:	HB 2924 would have allowed a municipality or county to add territory to a public improvement district only if requested by a petition signed by owners of taxable real property representing more than 50 percent of the appraised value of the area to be added and by property owners representing more than half of the owners or more than half of the area of taxable real property in the territory to be added.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	“House Bill No. 2924 permits municipalities and counties to include additional land within a public improvement district if certain petition procedures are followed. Because landowners who are included in the district are subject to assessments for improvements that are provided by the district, a majority vote of the landowners to be included within the district is preferable over simple petition procedures. The safeguard of voter review is necessary to ensure that district landowners have the final word on inclusion in any public improvement district.”
RESPONSE:	Rep. Charlie Geren, the bill’s author, had no comment on the veto. Sen. Kim Brimer, the Senate sponsor, was unavailable for comment.
NOTES:	HB 2924 passed the House on the Local, Consent, and Resolutions Calendar and was not analyzed in a <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .